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### ***Amendments***

#### ***In the Specification:***

Please add the following paragraph beginning on a line after the title at page 1:

— This application is a continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 08/817,423, now U.S. Patent No. 5,972,634, which is the national phase of International Appl. No. PCT/US94/11895, filed October 19, 1994.

#### ***In the Claims:***

Please substitute the following claim 17 for the pending claim 17:

17. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a[n] polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide.

Please substitute the following claim 23 for the pending claim 23:

— 23. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support

having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a labelled polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide.

Please substitute the following claim 27 for the pending claim 27:

27. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a[n] polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide bound to a labelled anti-antibody.